

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S11687–S11774

Measures Introduced: Four bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2068–2071, and S. Res. 321–322. **Page S11751**

Measures Passed:

Peace Corps: Senate passed H.R. 3528, to provide authority to the Peace Corps to provide separation pay for host country resident personal services contractors of the Peace Corps, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S11773–74**

Honoring General George Sears Greene: Senate agreed to S. Res. 322, honoring the lifetime achievements of General George Sears Greene on the occasion of the 100th anniversary rededication of the monument in his honor. **Page S11774**

Measures Considered:

National Defense Authorization Act: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 1585, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S11688–S11739**

Withdrawn:

By 56 yeas and 44 nays (Vote No. 341), Webb Amendment No. 2909 (to Amendment No. 2011), to specify minimum periods between deployment of units and members of the Armed Forces deployed for Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, be withdrawn). **Pages S11699–S11735**

By 55 yeas and 45 nays (Vote No. 342), McCain/Graham Amendment No. 2918 (to Amendment No. 2011), to express the sense of Congress on Department of Defense policy regarding dwell time. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the amendment, having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, be withdrawn). **Pages S11732, S11735–36**

Levin (for Specter/Leahy) Amendment No. 2022 (to Amendment No. 2011), to restore habeas corpus for those detained by the United States. **Pages S11688–99**

Pending:

Nelson (NE) (for Levin) Amendment No. 2011, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S11688**

Warner (for Graham/Kyl) Amendment No. 2064 (to Amendment No. 2011), to strike section 1023, relating to the granting of civil rights to terror suspects. **Page S11688**

Cornyn Amendment No. 2934 (to Amendment No. 2011), to express the sense of the Senate that General David H. Petraeus, Commanding General, Multi-National Force-Iraq, deserves the full support of the Senate and strongly condemn personal attacks on the honor and the integrity of General Petraeus and all the members of the United States Armed Forces. **Pages S11736–39**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 56 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 340), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on Levin (for Specter/Leahy) Amendment No. 2022 (listed above). **Page S11697**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, September 20, 2007. **Page S11774**

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—342) **Pages S11697, S11735, S11736**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:29 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 20, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11774.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following:

S. 1518, to amend the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to reauthorize the Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 835, to reauthorize the programs of the Department of Housing and Urban Development for housing assistance for Native Hawaiians; and

An original bill entitled, "FHA Modernization Act of 2007."

WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Transportation Safety, Infrastructure Security, and Water Quality concluded a hearing to examine America's wastewater infrastructure needs in the 21st century, after receiving testimony from Benjamin H. Grumbles, Assistant Administrator for Water, Environmental Protection Agency; Mayor Douglas H. Palmer, Trenton, New Jersey, on behalf of the U.S. Conference of Mayors; Mayor Glenn Brasseaux, Carencro, Louisiana; Joe S. Freeman, Oklahoma Water Resources Board, Oklahoma City, on behalf of the Council of Infrastructure Financing Authorities; Christopher M. Westhoff, City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California, on behalf of the National Association of Clean Water Agencies and the Water Infrastructure Network; and Nancy K. Stoner, Natural Resources Defense Council, Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Barry Leon Wells, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the Republic of The Gambia, Robin Renee Sanders, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Mark M. Boulware, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, James D. McGee, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zimbabwe, Ronald K. McMullen, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to the State of Eritrea, and Louis John Nigro, Jr., of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Chad, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

EVERGLADES

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations and Organizations, Democracy and Human Rights concluded a hearing to examine the Everglades, focusing on protecting natural treasures through international organizations, after receiving testimony from Gerald C. Anderson, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs; Todd Willens, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife and Parks; and Anu K. Mittal, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office.

FEDERAL RECOGNITION OF INDIAN TRIBES

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the process of federal recognition of Indian tribes, after receiving testimony from Senators Dole and Levin; Representative McIntyre; R. Lee Fleming, Director, Office of Federal Acknowledgment, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; James Ernest Goins, Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, Pembroke; John Sinclair, Little Shell Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Montana, Great Falls; Ann Denson Tucker, Muscogee Nation of Florida, Bruce; and Ron Yob, Grand River Bands of Ottawa Indians of Michigan, Grand Rapids.

MATERIAL SUPPORT TO TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Human Rights and the Law concluded a hearing to examine the "material support to terrorist organizations" bar to admission to asylum and resettlement in the United States, focusing on the denial of refuge to the persecuted, after receiving testimony from Paul Rosenzweig, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security for Policy; Anwen Hughes, Human Rights First Refugee Protection Program, New York, New York; and Thomas G. Wenski, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), Orlando, Florida.

PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATING CONVENTION

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1905, to provide for a rotating schedule for regional selection of delegates to a national Presidential nominating convention, after receiving testimony from Senators Klobuchar, Alexander, and Lieberman; Iowa Secretary of State Michael Mauro, Des Moines; Kentucky Secretary of State Trey Grayson, Frankfort, on behalf of the National Association of Secretaries of State; William G. Mayer, Northeastern University,